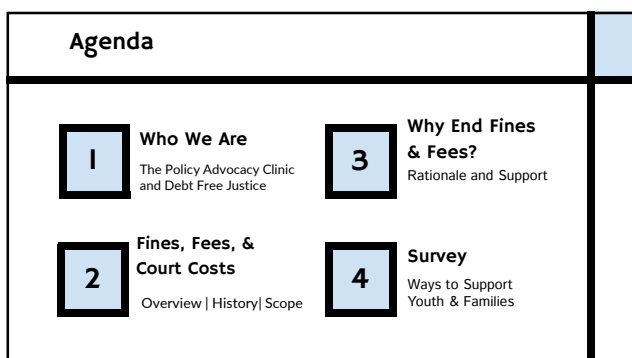




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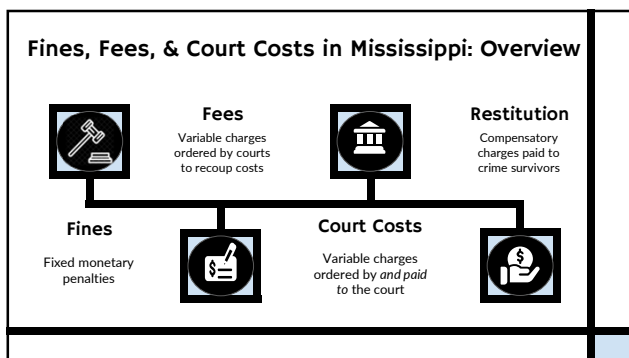
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DEBT FREE JUSTICE

- Nationwide campaign to eliminate juvenile fines, fees, and court costs.
- Ending not mending fines, fees, and court costs.
- Centering racial justice.
- Building grassroots power.

Learn more and see the interactive map at DebtFreeJustice.org

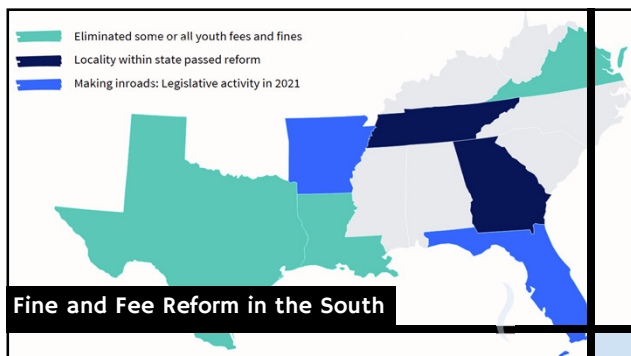
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Authorized Fines, Fees, and Court Costs			
Type of Cost	Statutes in Miss Code §43-21	Descriptions	Amount (if specified)
Fines	§605(1)(e); §153(2)	Alt. to restitution; contempt	\$500 or less
	§605(1)(i)(ii)	Juvenile work program	Based on hours
Fees	§605(1)(k) and; (B)	Drug and alcohol testing	\$10+
	§605(4);	Parenting classes	Sliding scale
	§615 (2)	All costs for support of the child	No limit
	§619 (1)	Other fees (medical, attorney's, "necessary & appropriate")	*Reasonable; no limits.
	§753	Diversion	\$5 + restitution
	§47-5-1007(i)	Electronic monitoring	\$10-\$50 / month
Court Costs	§651(1)	Supreme Court filing fee	\$50-\$200
Restitution	§605(1)(e); §607 (1)(e) §619 (2)	Restitution for child; restitution for parent	Unspecified/ community service/ ≤ gross loss

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Why eliminate juvenile fines, fees, and court costs?

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Juvenile Fines, Fees, and Court Costs:		
<div style="background-color: #333; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">HARM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrench poverty. Strain familial relationships. Force families to choose between court costs and meeting basic needs. 	<div style="background-color: #333; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">PROLONG INVOLVEMENT W/ JUVENILE SYSTEM</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fees for diversion = wealth-based outcomes. Increase likelihood of ongoing supervision. Additional penalties for non-payment. 	<div style="background-color: #333; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">WORSEN RACIAL DISPARITIES</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disproportionate impact on black, brown, & indigenous youth. Overrepresented, over-punished, and overly liable for juvenile fines, fees, and court costs.

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Juvenile Fines, Fees, and Court Costs:

ARE BURDENSOME & COSTLY FOR JURISDICTIONS

- Inefficient: \$1.15 to collect each \$1.
- Ineffective: unreliable funding source.
- Uncaptured in cost models.
- Costly litigation. *Cain v. White (2019)*.

INCREASE RECIDIVISM & PERPETUATE LAWBREAKING

- Chance of recidivating increases by 27%.
- Chance increases with each additional dollar assessed.
- 38% of adults admitted to unlawful activities to pay court debt.

COMPOUND PERVERSE INCENTIVES FOR STAKEHOLDERS

- Reliance on these funds impedes impartial public service.
- Lacks transparency and accountability.
- Turn basic civil functions into a for-profit business model.

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How Juvenile Defenders Can Help:

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